

Solon says
P2B of
Marcos
wealth
missing

By Philip C. Tulait

AT LEAST 20 billion of the forfeited Marcos family wealth—some 40 percent of the total—has been accounted for, a lawmaker said today.

House party leader Rep. Amador Rodriguez said government officials failed to account for the 20 billion that was reported to be in the hands of land acquisition and distribution by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Rodriguez made the comment after the House strategic committee released a hearing on the government's use of the P2.6 billion of Marcos family money that was released last year for the CARP.

The committee ordered the Commission on Audit to submit to total liquidation reports on how government agencies used the P2.6 billion. It also requested Agrarian Reform Secretary Benito Silla and Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap to attend the next hearing.

Questions

"This is highly questionable," Rod said, talking about Marcos family money that went missing.

He said that while government officials claimed that at least 20 billion was used for land acquisition and distribution last year, government had processed only 30,000 hectares of land.

Rodriguez explained that with the money spent, the government should have acquired nearly 900,000 hectares for distribution since the government bought lands at P1,500 per hectare.

"It should be 84,000 hectares. In other words, close to 80,000 ha. So, what are we talking about? Are you saying that it's all in the process? Or that's questionable," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the CARP had P1,500 per hectare, the 20,000 hectares of land that government only made from 200 million.

Purloined money

Rodriguez also questioned the use of forfeited Marcos money for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

"This was part of the P2.6 billion but this was not spelled out," he said.

Rodriguez said the government used P244 million for the CARP. However, although it had no beneficiaries.

"CARP said they gave out a list of beneficiaries but I've done my own research and the list does not have a list. So where did the money go? This should not be taken lightly," he said.

She added that CARP had P244 million to follow the presidential agrarian reform program consisting of a 100,000 distribution scheme between land acquisition and program beneficiary development.

Gov't regroup in prosecution of tax credit scam

By Michael V. Barua

AFTER two tedious years of trying to pin down the perpetrators of the tax credit scam, the government has come up with new strategies to reinstate the prosecution of the case.

Five agencies involved in pursuing the case—the Finance department, the internal revenue and customs bureaus, the offices of the Solicitor General and Ombudsman—have agreed to coordinate efforts and share resources and information to strengthen prosecution.

"We are now strengthening our lines of communication to make sure the prosecution is well supported. We will take an inventory of all the cases and prioritize those that are reasonable, given the evidence available," said Finance Undersecretary Emmanuel Bantuan, who heads the Revenue Integrity Protection Service (RIPS), the Finance department's unit

responsible for

taxes. Since 1999, these agencies have been trying without much success to go after those who allegedly deprived the government of billions of pesos in revenues from illegally obtained tax credit certificates (TCCs).

The credits are essentially refund payments made by the government on duties and taxes paid by export companies for imported materials that they use. Some companies, however, fraudulently acquired these TCCs and used them to offset payments of taxes, resulting in revenue losses for the government.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs have filed several suits, but cases against several of those companies.

The IRS lost P1.3 billion while the BIR lost about P2 billion in the scam, according to Renato Henson, head of the One-Stop Shop Group and Credit Feedback Center

(OSFC), the agency that processes TCC applications.

The IRS and the Ombudsman filed criminal cases against suspected perpetrators of the scam.

Bantuan said part of the reason why prosecution efforts have been unsuccessful was the lack of communication and close work in information-sharing among the government agencies concerned. Each of these agencies worked on their own cases without much assistance from the others, he explained.

This time, however, prosecution efforts would be coordinated, with the IRS acting as the clearinghouse of information. This means the IRS will be given options and information on the cases that the agencies are working on, and will be in a position to work with them to clear their cases.

"Now we are improving through the efforts we are building the past. The public should

be aware of the role of the IRS," Bantuan said.

According to Bantuan, once the inventory has been completed, the agencies would decide which of the cases should be prioritized. The cases involving the biggest amounts, such as those involving the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform and the Tax Credit, would be given priority.

Bantuan said there are a total of 228 companies involved in the tax credit scam. Of this number, 64 were original grantees of the TCCs, while 81 were resellers, or those that bought TCCs from the grantees.

The resellers include Philippine Shell and Overseas Corp., which the IRS has charged.

The original grantees include several firms in the shipping group and garment companies owned by the family headed by Converse Tan.

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Gordon seeks probe of Coast Guard on maritime safety

By [T] Ragsdale and [A] B. Salaverria

MANILA (PUN) — Gordon has called for an inquiry into the capability of the Philippine Coast Guard to enforce maritime safety rules, noting that four fishermen who were lost at sea last week were not even listed in the official records of the Coast Guard. Gordon, who requested UN military assistance to launch a search for the missing fishermen, indicated in a press conference Tuesday afternoon that the "most valuable lesson" that could be gained from the fishermen's ordeal, which ended in a rescue, "is the change of the sea observation of safety requirements at sea," he added.

In one of the fishermen's reports, Gordon sought an investigation of the capability of the PCG to implement and enforce maritime safety rules and regulations governing the safe operation of motorized boats.

In an interview, Gordon also took into the possible liability of the sailing ship for abandoning the fishermen's boat.

The fishermen's boat, FICA Maria, was lost in the Philippines. It was found by the Philippine Coast Guard. Along the way, the boat was hit by a large wave, causing it to lose control, prompting the fishermen to ask the authorities to send the boat back to sea.

After receiving the report, the search boat, then sent on its way, leaving the fishermen out of sight," Gordon said.

In a parallel development, PCG Command and Control Administration Chief Executive Officer said that the search for the boat was not the only one of the four fishermen. The search operation was provided to the Philippine Coast Guard by the Philippine Coast Guard. The search operation was provided to the Philippine Coast Guard by the Philippine Coast Guard.

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Pfizer withdraws 2 pain relievers on BFAD order

By [G] Ragsdale

MANILA (PUN) — Pfizer Inc. has announced that it has withdrawn two pain relievers from the Philippine market, following an order from the Bureau of Food and Drug Administration (BFAD). The two drugs, which were marketed under the brand names of "Pain Relief" and "Pain Relief Plus," were found to contain harmful levels of a chemical called "Pain Relief Plus." The BFAD has ordered the withdrawal of the two drugs, and Pfizer has agreed to comply with the order.

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Greenpeace warns against cell phone waste

By [H] Ragsdale

MANILA (PUN) — Greenpeace has issued a warning against the growing waste of cell phones in the Philippines. The organization has called for a ban on the sale of cell phones that are not environmentally friendly. The organization has also called for a ban on the sale of cell phones that are not environmentally friendly.

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Correction

IN THE piece of the Philippine environment that appeared in the Philippine Daily Inquirer (Page A1), the caption for the photograph was incorrect. The photograph was taken in Manila, Philippines, and not in Manila, Philippines.

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1st Reading: Luke 24:1-12
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The WORLD

Editor Laverne B. Gueco

UN set to pass nuclear treaty

UNITED NATIONS—The 191-member UN General Assembly is expected to approve a nuclear terrorism treaty on Wednesday that would obligate governments to punish those who illegally possess atomic devices or radioactive materials.

The document, the 13th antiterrorism convention and the first completed since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, needs ratification from 22 nations to become international law.

The pact, under negotiation for seven years, will open for signature on Sept. 14 in New York, during a high-level summit.

"Nuclear terrorism is one of the most urgent threats of our time. Even one such attack could inflict mass casualties and change our world forever," UN Secretary General Kofi Annan told the

the assembly committee that drafted the treaty.

The accord, called the Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, is meant to stop clandestine networks from using or possessing nuclear weapons.

It obligates governments to prosecute or extradite individuals who possess radioactive materials or nuclear devices or those who threaten others while possessing such materials. The text also calls for exchanges of information and assistance among governments.

Russia introduced the treaty in 1998 to keep "loose nukes" from falling into the hands of terrorist groups. At the time, Alexander Lebed, the former national security chief, said Moscow could not account for about 100 suitcase-sized nuclear weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency

has reported an increase in incidents involving illicit trafficking of nuclear or other radioactive material: 650 confirmed cases since 1993, with nearly 100 of them last year alone.

A text of the treaty was approved earlier this month by the assembly's legal committee after four nations decided to withdraw so-called "killer" amendments.

Pakistan had wanted the treaty to apply to nuclear threats by governments. Cuba proposed that it cover government armed forces. The United States had wanted to add language stating that the peaceful use of nuclear materials should not be used as a cover for weapons development, and Iran had sought amendments endorsing the free exchange of nuclear equipment and materials for peaceful purposes. **Reuters**

Vatican opens crypt to pilgrims

VATICAN CITY—The Vatican opened Saint Peter's crypt Wednesday for thousands of pilgrims to pay their last respects at the tomb of Pope John Paul II, as Italian media reported growing support for German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as a possible successor.

Several hundred people lined up before dawn, many of them bringing written messages for the late Pope, to be allowed into the bowels of St. Peter's Basilica for a brief moment in front the simple marble slab marking the Pontiff's burial place.

"I want to beg him for help, because I believe he is still alive," Father Leszek from the Pope's native Poland said as he stood in the queue.

Once in the vaulted room, many knelt in prayer, while others stood quietly, tears trickling down their faces.

"It is really emotional," said Gabriella Valmorri, a French woman who was first in line after arriving at 4:15 a.m., close to three hours before the crypt opened at 7 a.m.

Valmorri succeeded in getting one of the ushers to let her necklace bearing a small wooden cross touch the slab.

Another pilgrim said she could feel the Pope's presence.

"It's as if he is still alive. It's as if he is there," said Maria Pazienza Salas of Sardinia as she left the crypt.

One Italian woman brought a message cut out in the shape of a heart.

"Thank you for having invited us to this celebration," read the message of the woman who wished to be identified as "Tota Tua." The Pope had repeatedly used the term "Tota Tua" (all yours) to underline his complete devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Another brought a picture of herself with the Pope taken some years ago. The Church's cardinals, in Rome for the Pope's funeral and to elect a new pope, paid their respects at the tomb on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the high prelates gathered for their ninth meeting to discuss the status and future of the 1.1 billion strong Church as Italian newspapers reported that Ratzinger was emerging as a frontrunner to succeed John Paul II.

Ratzinger, a close confidant of the Polish-born Pope, headed the powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith until the Pope's death, marking the Vatican's doctrine with John Paul II's conservative stamp.

Italy's *La Repubblica* daily said Ratzinger could already count on at least 40, if not 50 votes, of the 115 cardinal electors.

Ratzinger is seen as a possible "transition" pope since, aged 78, he is one of the oldest candidates.

La Repubblica reported that the German cardinal has the support of several Latin American cardinals, as well as two powerful Italians, Cardinals Camillo Ruini and Angelo Scola, both intent of scuttling the chances of fellow Italian Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, who is seen as a strong candidate. **AFP**



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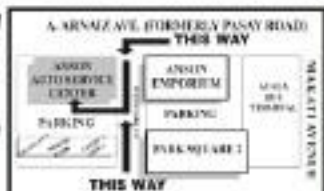
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Japan defies China, drills for oil in disputed waters

TOBY:—Japan and Indonesia it would allow its firms to exploit its gas and oil in waters disputed with China, until using diplomatic pressure to force the two nations hungry for energy resources, and thereby their share of gas.

China began drilling in 2001 at the deepest of sites in the East China Sea, which a 2000 Japanese survey estimated had a possible 200 billion cubic meters of gas.

Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry is in a moment it would begin reviewing applications from companies which want to explore the Japanese markets, economic zone of the Shikoku...a decision not unexpected by China.

"It is a process. We will give forward accordingly." From Kishore's position, Kishore told reporters.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshiaki Suga.

Rush: Iraq may

global democrat

long discussed the explanation rights and it easily influenced (Hans) about that. Were the foundations?

The Japanese delegation will leave the office for a morning session in Beijing tomorrow.

Apple and China are two of the world's biggest energy importers and have been close relations personally as well. In November Apple sent a formal protest after it spoiled a Chinese nuclear submarine in the area of the gas fields and showed it has been close to the region.

This has become even more acute in the past week as thousands of Chinese flock just as fiercely medical premises against input, adding its ordinary with bottles and cans and means a harvest of Japanese goods.

The demonstrators were called after Agassi appeared a nationally written notebook, which allegedly witnesses to bloody protests against the U.S. military in Afghanistan.

Japan and China have announced each other's withdrawal and disavowed an apology. Tokyo seeks compensation for the

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, spending time in the Pacific, announced Japan's withdrawal of

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Bush: Iraq may herald global democratic revolt

HOT MOON, Texas—IN front of George W. Bush on Tuesday evening's *60 Minutes*, Bush's answer to the question "What's your favorite TV show?" was "The *Star Trek* series." The president's answer was a surprise, given that he is a self-proclaimed *Star Trek* fan. But it was a surprise nonetheless, given that he is a self-proclaimed *Star Trek* fan. But it was a surprise nonetheless, given that he is a self-proclaimed *Star Trek* fan.

In a speech to UN soldiers on the sprawling Fort Hood military base, Bush declared: "As this long journey may stretch, then someone is sending a message from Beirut to Baghdad that American can be the friend of every nation."

"The comprehensive of a free
ing at the heart of the Middle
East will be a crushing defeat to
the forces of terrorism and terror,
and a watershed moment in the
global democratic revolution,"
the president said.

"The long people know the business you are making. They're proud to see they are growing in your families," he said.

"You are making possible the power of Iraq, and you are making possible the security of the western world," he said.

"They actually have to be becoming more self-reliant and taking on greater responsibilities. And that means that because health-care systems are increasingly playing roles of crop-protection, in fact."

"Today, more than 150,000

The president, who runs on his way from his Texas ranch to his Washington office, has a long commute in Baghdad. It will be more so, alongside the fall of the Baath. "It will be one of the great moments in the history of Iraq," says Cheney.

There the fighting, we just don't have to create a long task position," said Bush, who was once on the front lines of the Saddam war.

But Bush, one of the largest US military bases, is home to the 1st Cavalry Division and the 4th Infantry Division.

last, wearing military-style pants, opened his speech with a somewhat trivial version of the traditional US Army "Garrison" march, which was echoed by the roughly 25,000 soldiers on hand.

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US indicts 3 Brits in terrorism plot

WASHINGTON—12 embassies Tuesday received terrorism charges against five Iranian whose arrest in Britain on similar charges last month heightened security here and at major U.S. naval installations. www.washingtonpost.com 10/29/2003

All these have left in place a few of the most important symbols of the city's past. The city's history is still visible in the streets, and the city's future is still uncertain.

"We're going to continue to go after and punish those who seek to do us harm and those who seek to do harm to the civilian world. This is another significant step in the drive over terrorism," McInelly said.

The three are obtained in Britain via sheep; they gather scraps of wool and weave or chemically separate and knit it into expected standard sizes. This year, US authorities said, they would work their traditional way: their wool.

The alleged plot to boost the World Bank and International Monetary Fund headquarters in Washington, the New York Stock Exchange and Chicago headquarters in Manhattan, and the offices of Prudential Financial in Newark, New Jersey, was first revealed Aug. 1. APB

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Farmers to plant marijuana in protest of veggie imports

BAKING CITY—Benguet farmers have threatened to plant toxic substances instead of highland vegetables should President Manunggul Arroyo allow China to import carrots to the Philippines.

The warning was made in a resolution of the Benguet Farmers Federation Inc., which was distributed here.

Hernand Colon, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has presented the officials of the risk analysis (PRA) of Chinese carrots, which concluded that the risk was negligible.

The PRA evaluation team reported that carrots can be allowed entry in the Philippines under strict quarantine conditions.

The President and Agriculture Secretary Arroyo has reviewed their first draft copies of the post risk evaluation report, the PRA said.

Tap has been asked to review the document, to prepare a plan for an early harvest program that would open up trade between the Philippines and China.

Other businesses

Should the post risk analysis, the PRA evaluation team said the farmers will shift to "other businesses in order to survive, such as planting manila, and we will accept that the national government leadership will no longer be the legitimate government of the poor farmers."

Apparently to prove their point, the farmers began distributing first harvest of cabbage to prove that the vegetable's market value has dropped.

The Benguet provincial board also issued a resolution on April 4 "expressing their disappointment" in the manner by which PRA was directed to report its analysis of Chinese carrots. The board described the PRA process as a "study" against the farmers' interests.

Colon said the study actually proposes the conditions for a carrot import scenario should the farmers pursue bilateral talks with China.

"Since the organizations agree, every vegetable in this country will be open for sale because China will be taking them down the distance and we must have all vegetables to be able to protect our interests," he said.

Politics

In the end, an agreement will be based on politics, not the post risk analysis, "so it is a purpose for Benguet to lobby strongly for its interests in this process," Colon said.

The Benguet province is another vegetable that may require a post risk evaluation before the sale, Colon said.

Manila markets get 90 percent of their total vegetable from Benguet, but the province has been suffering losses for the last few years due to demand and smuggled Chinese vegetables that have displaced their products.

The post risk analysis evaluated the list of plant diseases that are hazardous to some Chinese vegetables.

Colon said the studies have demonstrated that Philippine quarantine procedures should be able to control the entry of diseased products.

But some farmers, a former PRA member, questioned the study's procedures. Farmers said the study team failed to be chemical analysis that Chinese farmers use.

Elizabeth Laveille, former Cordillera agricultural director, said the local industry is extremely protective of carrots because it is the only product which has no vulnerable to plant diseases.

Statens said the list of exportable agricultural products from the Chinese provinces of Fujian and Guangdong, actually does list some diseases that have yet to affect local vegetables.

Blame

The officials and farmers blamed a university of the Philippines Los Baños team on Monday for evaluating the importation of Chinese carrots based on a technical evaluation of the vegetable's potential diseases.

Reports from the UPBA helped the Bureau of Plant Industry conduct a post risk analysis (PRA) of Chinese carrots, in preparation for an early harvest program that is being studied as part of a bilateral trade agreement between the country and China.

Hernand Colon, PRA national director, said



PROTEST from Benguet farmers' field where the Bureau of Plant and Industry presented its recommendations for trading carrots with China.

Tacloban to hire 300 youths for summer jobs

TACLOBAN CITY—Starting next week, the city government here will employ 313 teens above high school under its summer job program.

Charles Alonzo, officer in charge of the Human Resources Office of the city government, said that under the Special Program on the Employment of Youths (SPY), the city government and the Department of Labor and Employment are to provide summer work to 100 students.

Also, another 200 youths of the city would be given employment under the Work Acquisition Program (WAP), which, unlike the SPY, is financed by the city government under Mayor Alfredo "Bigo" Romualdez.

The city government has allocated P400,000, or a daily pay of P175 for the students, for salaries of those who will be hired under the two summer job programs.

Joy Gutierrez, PRA Program Director

Conflict coverage workshop starts

THE FIRST of several workshops in a series of programs in alternative media coverage of conflict will start today and April 15 in Cebu City with 14 participants, mostly from Mindanao, attending.

The project is run by the USA Center for Communications at the University of Georgia, the Federal Advisory Center for Government of the Americas Institute at University and the Center for Conflict Resolution Institute. It will be held at the Cebu City Sheraton Hotel on Mactan Island, and the Marikina Press Photo Center in Cebu City.

Among the topics are challenges faced by reporters covering conflict areas and alternative ways of reporting conflict.

Workshop attendees—Luz Bueche, Tadeo Mac and Andre Saldaña—will discuss studies on how media portray Mindanao. Bueche, director of the USA Center, leads the program, which is funded by a grant from the United States Institute of Peace.

Among them are panel sessions on press coverage of conflict and new from Indonesia.

The project aims to improve conflict coverage through analysis of media coverage before and after the workshop.



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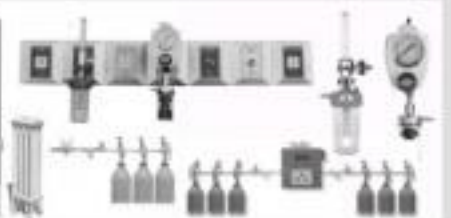
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For 1st time, black African bet could be pope

By Raymond L. Brown
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5% ceiling on VAT refund pushed

By Michelle Y. Remon

A 5-PERCENT cap on the allowable input VAT (value-added tax) credits of corporate taxpayers has been proposed in Congress to help address the government's weak VAT collections.

Rep. Maricela Torres, chair of the House committee on ways and means, said the provision has had severely "VAT" collections from major industries because of their huge input VAT credits, which are deductions from their annual VAT liabilities.

Torres said that by setting a 5 percent cap on input VAT credits, the government stands to gain P46 billion in additional revenues per year.

She said that on the average, the profitable telecommunications industry paid VAT equivalent to only one percent of their sales from 2000 to 2004, as compared with the 10 percent VAT rate. This was due to

their status of large input VAT and its, which they utilized to offset the purchase of telecommunications equipment.

"In addition, telecom companies like Globe Telecom, Inc. and Smart Telecom, the leading telecom providers are all enjoying tax holidays up to July 2007 for Smart and May 2008 for Globe," she said in a press release issued last Monday.

She explained that the tax holidays meant that the two telecom companies' profits are charged lower paying income taxes despite the huge profits they generated in the past years.

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Actual budget deficit in '04 at P187.06B

By Michelle Y. Remon

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for 2004 was actually higher at P189.5 billion compared with the P186.1 billion announced earlier. Actual revenue collection surpassed the government's target of P187.5 billion.

Of the revenues, net collections by the Bureau of Internal Revenue accounted for P188.18 billion while collections by the Bureau of Customs reached P122.4 billion. Tax revenues for last year were P187.5 billion, while net interest and dividends were P186.1 billion.

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Meet Marketman

By Anna A. Jaramilla
Photos by Roger Corpuz

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By regularly checking our www.meetmarket.com, you'll get to the heart of making off chicken today in the market. You can get a good dose of food history as you go along.

Meet Mr. Marketman, a well-traveled, highly successful management consultant who loves to buy, cook and eat a really good meal. He may not be a chef by profession, but having lived 11 years abroad—New York, Atlanta, Singapore, Melbourne, Europe, etc.—and delightfully tasted much city's cuisine, he can tell you his recipe from his red lantern, his wok from his Oshibashi.

For the Marketman, all the day's work—running the world market with all its confusion, stress in search of what's available for the day, just jump on a web chair before your PC in the comfort of your home and, voila, you've got yourself another for the week's menu.

Over 4,500 hits

"The website started out as a personal thing, a diary, a gift I gave to myself for Christmas. It's a word being that there are really people out there thinking our way," he says. As entry descriptions, he incorporates reflections, on personal words, run in letters to goodness-acrossed with a witty, snappy writing style and a healthy dose of humor.

He has in his library over 600 local and foreign food magazines, recipes he has so really kept, plus hundreds of cookbooks. And the key to his entry to web, is his his *admirable* work.

Five related only by his friends, the website quickly rose in popularity, recording at least 4,500 hits in its first month. Today it gets feedback from Vietnam, Laos, Korea, Australia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahamas, Brazil, Spain, Switzerland, Italy and Croatia.

While the website doesn't have a mission other than to record what is there, it helps Filipino people, but one, foodies who are serious about their food and want to learn more, whether they're Filipino or foreigner. But another, like people people have no idea to do the marketing business.

Also, (CPR) running for a business deal but can't find ingredients in their locality because they don't know the local name (Singapore is special market) in the US, for example.

On another level, the site creates awareness about unique foods and helps people who grow the product find a market in the market.

Features

Marketman.com features products, mostly vegetables and fish, actually available in the markets of Metro Manila, as well as kitchen and cooking equipment. "Because people have been asking for them," it also has segments on markets and food stories, recipes and stories, even flowers. Plus an interesting page and more section.

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Cost-saving, cleaner technology for diesel

WITH THE FIRST of fuel-injection technology placed in a diesel engine recently in the market may be welcome news to long-suffering consumers. The patented fuel-injection system, known as "common-rail" technology, has been developed by Bosch and is expected to be available in the market by the end of the year.

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Non-singing
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Will it happen when you bring together three accomplished chefs under the roof of an elegant historic restaurant? You get a culinary concert that results in a menu that pleases even the most discerning eating taste.

These high-powered women in the culinary field put together weekly to discuss and then cook up by combining special dishes for the happy hour menu in the metropolis, the

When Red Bull sponsored its Decade One 2000, it generated a huge media outlet for football politics. But with the goal of the international system unambiguously in changing.

"The system is far more than just an entertainment glass with a press-urized system and a wide-range thermostat but also is a workmanlike hot water quality boiler," said Fuchs of Bowers, consulting and production director.

At their most recent event, Red Hot Management presented pure shock: Bill Sandique, a parody and breast specialist; Ingrid Ables, a South Beach Diet author; and Debbie Lauer, former of Miami Beach's chain of restaurants.

The introduction also was slick. "Did you know they represented the 'variability in drug' that had been consistently higher,"

Thus, specifically, what Paul has pointed out for the Chinese people is

cream, dishes using locally available ingredients in Bhawal and nearby

Methods

The chefs showed that a simple, round dish could be jazzed up and turned into something unusual, not to mention delicious. Each dish represented a fusion of cultures, influences,

"Our job is to make [the food] as prepared, safe, contemporary, and as practical as possible," said Allgeier.

Japanese created several dishes using the Hachi brand's lotus. The Larches' Peking with Onion-Tomato dish was a perfect mix—4.4/5.0—and consisting of hand-dressed cucumber meat, wokling pig, deep-fried in perfection and served with dumplings. The Sizzling an Onion-vegetable of bean chili and sweet vegetables looked as home fresh. Lotus was also used for another Yang favorite, the ong. Larches Shop was cooked in chili sauce, succulent, delicious, juicy, well-balanced.

Allen, who has become familiar with Filipino cooking, prepared the hot healthy dishes using organic ingredients. We were fortunate to receive excellent service and food from the staff.

Angela (left), co-impromptu Mard of East and West that consisted of her as Ellen in lugs, greens and purple shoes, the Patti Bangas belly-dancer, young Steven Rice and David Olson. (Angie Bangas now cooked with love, until he married in 1991.)

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